

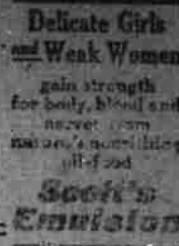


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PATRIOTIC DAY AT LOUISA MAY 5TH

Big Parade, Great Speeches, Fine Music, on Saturday of This Week.

Everybody Earnestly Requested to Help by Attending and Thereby Showing an Interest in the Great Fight now on for the World's Freedom.

Desiring to show that we are as patriotic as other counties and communities, a day has been set apart for an exhibition in Louisa of this spirit in appropriate manner. That day is Saturday of this week—May 5th. Preparations have been completed for the execution of a program that will interest, instruct and inspire all who attend. Mayor R. L. Vinson and O. C. Atkins have raised the money necessary to meet the expenses of the day. It is to be hoped that everybody within reasonable distance will give up that day to this good cause of arousing the enthusiasm and realization necessary to the successful prosecution of the war for liberty and the suppression of militarism, in which we have lately enlisted. It is only by getting together in crowds and listening to the discussions that this spirit may be aroused. Your presence is urged and you will be glad you came.

The program is strong and varied. The part the farmer can and should play in this great conflict is one of the features to be treated. No farmer can afford to miss it. The women will find the program equally interesting and their presence is much desired.

The program. A parade in which everybody is invited to take part will form in time to move promptly at 10 a. m. It will form in the streets around the public square. Automobile owners are requested to get in line. Girls and women dressed in white, with a red cross on their left sleeve, are to be a feature of the parade, and as many from the country as find it possible to take part are invited to do so. Horsemen and people on foot, everybody, in fact, are wanted in the march.

Shortly before 11 o'clock a flag will be raised on a pole near the court house, at which time "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by a large chorus of school children and others.

At 11 a. m. Rev. L. E. McKelowney, of Charleston, West Va., will begin a speech appropriate to the day and subject. He needs no introduction to the people of Lawrence county, as the greater part of our citizens have been stirred by his eloquence in the past. The subject and the occasion are sufficient to call forth the fire of oratory from this gifted son of the Emerald Isle.

He will be followed by Mr. K. L. Varney, whose subject will be "Food, Fuel and Fight." Not only does this subject fit the occasion, but it is of intense interest to the farmers. He has a message that will surprise you. In another place in this issue of the NEWS you will learn more about Mr. Varney.

After an intermission for lunch, there will be a speech by Hon. Michael J. Fanning, an orator known throughout the United States on account of his eloquent appeals for temperance. His subject on this occasion will be "Everybody's War." Do not miss this great speech.

Music will be furnished throughout the day by the Ashland Brass Band, of Ashland, Ky., which will also lead the parade.

Nobody should count himself or herself too busy to give up this one day to helping the national spirit along in this way. It is being done everywhere and the people are joining in with an enthusiastic will. Bring the children and impress them with the greatness of our blessed free America.

Louisa Girl Weds at Huntington

Miss Nora B. Sammons, of this place, and Mr. John A. Collinsworth, of Huntington, were married at the latter place Wednesday of this week. The affair was kept secret and comes as a surprise to their Louisa friends. The evidence of their union for each other had long been visible and this step was not unexpected. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sammons. She is a bright and attractive young lady, highly esteemed in the community, and her husband is to be congratulated upon winning her heart and hand. She is a graduate of Kentucky Normal College and holds a first class teachers certificate in both Lawrence and Wayne counties. Mr. Collinsworth also has taught school, but for some time has been in business at Huntington. He is a native of this county and is in every way a worthy young man, having good character, good habits and more than average ability. The NEWS wishes them every success.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

On last Sunday, Ruth, little daughter of Sheriff Wm. D. Shannon died at the home on Lock creek. She was 14 months old. The burial took place in Monday.

GOV. HATFIELD.

Ex-Governor H. D. Hatfield has purchased a half interest in the Kessler hospital at Huntington and will resume the practice of surgery.

SPENT WINTER IN CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. C. F. Stewart, Mrs. A. M. Campbell and Master Charles Campbell arrived home last Friday evening. They had been away since last fall when they went to California to spend the winter, stopping enroute at many points of interest. The past few months were spent in San Diego, Cal. They had a most delightful and beneficial trip, and their many friends are glad to see them home.

OIL AND GAS STRIKES.

Two shallow wells with a production of ten barrels of oil each are reported near Salyersville.

Mr. Albin, who holds a large acreage of leases in the upper Blaine region of Lawrence county, has drilled in a gas well that is reported to be of large capacity.

K. L. VARNEY THE NEW DISTRICT AGENT

PIKE COUNTY MAN APPOINTED As U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. K. L. Varney, one of the most successful farm agents in Kentucky, has been promoted and will have supervision over the agricultural development of a number of counties in Eastern Kentucky.

He is a native of Pike county, and has been on duty in Trigg county, where he has accomplished wonders in developing agriculture and live stock interests. It is the record made there that has brought this deserved promotion.

We hope Lawrence will be included in the counties under Mr. Varney's supervision. His territory has not yet been definitely defined.

Dr. Mitchell could not have done a wiser thing than to bring Mr. Varney back to his mountain country, where the need of agriculture and live stock promotion is becoming so much felt and where Mr. Varney's heart lies. He is beyond doubt the man for this large task.

Mr. Varney was in Louisa Monday on his way to Pike county, and consented to return here Saturday and take a place on the speaker's list at the patriotic rally. He is a live wire and every farmer in Lawrence county should hear him. He has very definite ideas of what should be done in the present crisis.

THE BAKERY BUILDING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

The Louisa Baking company is making a good start with its new building. The brick walls on the rear and part of the sides are up to the second story. The work is being so handled that the business is not interrupted. A new oven will be erected alongside the other two. Other new machinery will be installed as fast as the building is ready to receive it. A system of handling the large production will be installed where by gravity will be utilized to the best advantage.

INCREASED USE OF GAS.

In the seventeen years from 1898 to 1915 the consumption of artificial gas for by-product, coke ovens and from coal, oil and water gas plants increased more than five-fold. Very significant is the increasing use of artificial gas for fuel, and since 1908, its decreasing use for illumination. The by-product coke oven saves the gas; the old bee hive coke oven wastes it on the atmosphere.

WAYNE FARMER HIT BY TRAIN

Labin Brown, age 27 years, a Wayne county farmer, was struck by a freight train Sunday afternoon while walking on the tracks of the Big Sandy division of the Norfolk & Western about a mile from Kenova. He is in a serious condition at the home of his brother-in-law, William Cumbo, in Kenova.

Brown received severe injuries about the head and body which may result in his death.

LAWRENCE MCCLURE ILL.

L. L. McClure, well known young attorney, who returned yesterday from Cincinnati where he underwent a nasal operation in the Holmes hospital, will go in a few days to his father's home in Wayne, where he will rest for an extended period. The physicians at Cincinnati found that his nervous system was seriously shattered and advised him that a prolonged rest was the only medium through which he could hope to reestablish his health.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The school entertainment announced last week will be given on Thursday and Friday nights of this week at the College auditorium. The program will be entirely different on the two nights. The pupils are much interested and the attendance is expected to be large. Admission 15 cents.

The public schools will close Friday, but the college and high schools will continue.

BURIED AT BLAINE.

The body of a child of Lewis Kasee from Ashland was brought here yesterday in an automobile and taken on to Blaine for burial. Several friends came along in automobiles.

THREE KENTUCKIANS GET CARNEGIE HERO MEDALS.

Pittsburgh, April 27.—Three Kentuckians are among those who received medals for the twenty-two acts of heroism recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at its spring meeting here to-day. They are: Alexander T. Rice, Jr., Mt. Airy, Ky., 14 years old, for saving James H. Smith from drowning, September 18, 1915.

J. Chester Listerman, Newport, Ky., for rescuing Herbert Rager from a runaway, June 9, 1913.

Chloe A. Wolfe, Elmendorf Farm, Lexington, Ky., for saving Sallie, F. Crouch, 2 years old, from an enraged cow at Georgetown, Ky., April 13, 1914.

JOHN FOX, JR., WILL AID.

The special campaign by the Louisville Board of Trade for \$10,000 to complete the fund for a road for the Pine Mountain section of Harlan county will receive help from John Fox, Jr., the noted novelist, who has made a thorough and sympathetic study of the mountain people of Kentucky and the help they need in expressing their sturdy qualities.

Mr. Fox will appear in Louisville on Monday evening, May 8, at the Woman's Club and read from "Hell for Martin" and other celebrated stories. On the program with him will be "Uncle William Crouch, patriarchal patron of the Pine Mountain Settlement School, and Miss Celia Cathart, the teacher who went to Louisville in interest of the Pine Mountain road. Miss Cathart will play on the dulcimer.

TRAIN OF THIRTY-SIX CARS LOADED WITH ONIONS.

Baltimore, April 28.—For the first time in the history of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, a solid train of thirty-six cars is on its way here from the West loaded with onions. There has been a scarcity of onions in the Eastern markets and record prices are being paid.

CINCINNATI MAN KILLED.

Philip H. Goodwin, 31 years old, was electrocuted Monday when repairing a break in an electric line belonging to Pond Creek Coal company, Stone, Ky. He was employed as electrical engineer by the company, and accidentally touched a wire fence heavily charged with electricity.

Mr. Goodwin was a former resident of Cincinnati. He was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and was a member of the first co-operative class. He had been employed at Stone, Ky., for the last three years.

A Future of Battle and Conquest

Those who have been deceived by the Kaiser's declaration that somebody else started the war and that his fight has been only a defensive one all the time, should read this speech from one of the leaders.

Dr. Dietrich Hahn, leader of the agrarian Junker party and member of the Reichstag, Friday, delivered a speech in Berlin in which he declared that Germany's submarine success now insures the unconditional surrender of her enemies. He attacked the demands of the Socialists and censured the Government for continuing so long to maintain diplomatic relations with the United States.

Favors Bismarck's Policy

"Has monarchical Germany failed?" he asked. "No," he added, "it stands brilliantly before the world as conqueror. We are to-day within sight of peace. May it be a real German peace. We hope those who govern us will realize our strength, will keep their nerve and continue to face the enemy as conquerors, not as cowards. Let us keep to Bismarck's policy. Germany's future is a future of battle and conquest."

"Some people are demanding a new order of things in Germany. Let me tell you what new order we Conservatives desire. Germany's industrial and agricultural future must be so ordered that she will be in a position successfully to withstand any future attack. We must have the coal fields of Longwy and Briey. We must have fresh territories for emigration in the east; we must not return any lands we have conquered. That would be an unforgivable sin against our agricultural population, would compromise our industrial development and would mean that our blood had been spilled in vain. "Already we foolishly have bestowed a kingdom upon Poland without securing Germany's rights therein."

Demands Changes in Army.

"There also must be changes in the army where there is too much young and irresponsible blood. A twenty-year-old Lieutenant should not command a forty-year-old landsturm. The Government must cease conferring with the Socialists."

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

The Rev. G. L. Harrison, Rector of Calvary church, Ashland, was here Thursday. While in Louisa he was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner where he held his service in the afternoon. At this time Mr. Harrison spoke interestingly of a Pilgrimage of Prayer, a subject which is engaging the attention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church. Mr. Harrison returned to Ashland on the evening train.

HOSPITAL NEWS.

C. C. Bolling, of Charley, submitted to a serious operation at Riverview hospital this week and is improving nicely. On Tuesday Dr. York also operated upon a hale child from Kermitt, removing three quarts of pus by an incision in its side.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SET THE PACE

LAMPTON MAKES EXCELLENT SUGGESTION THAT WOULD BRING BETTER ROADS.

To the editor of the Big Sandy News:—Noting in a recent issue of your esteemed journal of civilization and progress that the Road Commissioners of Lawrence county, or whatever the body might be called, had done something, or were going to do something, or wanted to do something with, or to, the roads, it occurs to me to suggest a kind of action I recommend for Leslie, Lee and Wolfe counties through The Healthy Enterprise, Thousandsticks and The Hazel Green Herald, the action being that of public school pupils on the roads immediately in front of their respective school buildings. My suggestion was that about 200 yards of road in front of each building in the county be taken in hand by the youngsters of the school and, with instructions from the State authorities on how to make road, put that much at least of country road in passable condition at all seasons and after six months trial of it, somebody award a prize, or medal of merit, to the school having the best bit of road. My idea was that the young ones would take an interest and do things that the old ones would not, and besides the young ones haven't been merged in the mire as long as the old ones have and are not so used to it, and the result would be that the seats of learning along the roads would show some indications that something had been learned of a really practical character and public good. These bits of good road would also taste so good to the old junkies pulling through the bad roads that they would want more and finally go to it themselves and have all the roads good roads. Good, at least, as compared with what now prevail. I think that suggestion was made to your neighbor counties two or three years ago, and as far as I have heard not a shovel of dirt has been moved by any school in any county. Of course, physically I don't give a damn, because I don't have to travel over the roads but sentimentally, or psychologically, or somehow, I'd like to know that there are good roads where bad ones now are. My suggestion will land in Lawrence, very likely, just as it landed in the others, but I've done my part, now let others do theirs.

In conclusion let me offer this poetical plaster of progress and so forth for general circulation among and application to our citizens who have to hit the dirt between places several times a week:

Kaiser William.
I'm cruel enough to wish for Bill
All things that are unlucky,
Except to make him travel on
The roads in East Kentucky!

No being a Prussian, directly or indirectly, laterally or collaterally, I can draw the line at certain atrocities and stop this side the limit of barbarism even as applied to the Boss of the bunch.

Yours to command,
COL. BILL LAMPTON.
P. S.—I got the Bill in my name before the other one made it the shame of the civilization. "WILL"
New York, April 27, 1917.

YOUNG LOUISA DOCTOR ENLISTS IN NAVY

DR. M. B. CLAYTON, HONOR GRADUATE IN MEDICINE ANSWERS CALL OF NATION.

Milton B. Clayton is one of fifteen students of the medical department of the University of Louisville, graduates who have enlisted in the United States Navy and were sworn in as Lieutenants. The young lieutenants were notified they would be ordered to report to some instruction school within ten days. Most of them will go to the naval school at Washington, the others to various Government hospitals. After about six months additional training they will be assigned to active duty. They are already in the service and drawing pay as lieutenants. Each made an average of more than \$5 at the university.

TENDER THEIR SERVICES.

Daniel E. O'Sullivan, late chairman of the Prison Commission, several weeks ago tendered his services to the Secretary of War, expressing his willingness to act in any capacity. A letter of thanks from Secretary Baker spoke his appreciation of the offer, and assured Mr. O'Sullivan that the department would, at an early date, avail itself of his experience and ability.

Martin Bijor O'Sullivan, attorney-at-law, son of Daniel E. O'Sullivan, has also volunteered his services and has been ordered to report to Major Battle for examination for the position of second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps.—Louisville Post.

SENATOR JAMES BEAVERS KILLED BY TRAIN.

The body of the late Senator James F. Beavers, who was killed by a train at Matewan last Thursday morning, was laid to rest in a grave beside that of his wife in Spring Hill cemetery, Huntington, W. Va., Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was held in the Chapel in Spring Hill cemetery at five o'clock. Dr. S. W. Walker, pastor of the Johnson Memorial church, read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer. The Masonic fraternity was in charge of the funeral and the burial rites of that order were performed in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

There were many in attendance, including numerous well known people from the Norfolk & Western counties. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Mr. Beavers was a cousin of and often visited Mr. G. P. Beavers, who resided in Louisa about a year, and moved to Matewan recently.

NEW RAILROAD LINE PROPOSED

COMPANY ORGANIZED TO BUILD 40 MILES FROM MORGAN CO. TO OHIO RIVER.

The Lexington Herald says:—The Elk Fork Railway Co., which will build and operate a forty-mile railway line connecting roads in Eastern Kentucky and expects later to cover a more extensive territory. The plans of the new railway company are to connect with the railroad of the Caney Valley company near the mouth of the Elk Fork river in Morgan county, and go through Morgan and Elliott counties to a connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio and Eastern Kentucky Railways and the Ashland Coal and Iron Railway near Hichins, Ky.

The capital stock was given as \$25,000. Stock has been sold. The maximum indebtedness was named in the articles as \$1,000,000.

Incorporators are: W. S. Whitling, of Elizabethtown, Tenn.; H. M. Collins, of Frankfort; William R. Snyder, of Lexington; C. W. Moorman, of Versailles; George McLeod, of Versailles; William H. Porter, of Lexington, and J. F. Caywood, of Lexington. T. C. Fuller is one of the principal promoters.

The main purpose of the railroad is to form a freight outlet for the resources of that section of Eastern Kentucky. Passenger transportation, however, will also be a part of the activities of the railway system.

Plans for the activity and building of the railway are still in an embryonic state but will be pushed into completion by the promoters. Offices will be opened up in Lexington at an early date.

GERMAN SUBJECT CHARGED WITH DISLOYAL UTTERANCES.

Harlan, Ky., April 28.—Joa Norm, a German subject, was arrested on Clover Fork Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Loyd Middleton for disloyal utterances regarding President Wilson and the United States. He is charged with having said that he hoped every United States ship going to England would be sunk. He was taken to Pineville Saturday for an examining trial before United States Commissioner Ingram.

CONVICTS TAKEN TO PIKE COUNTY TO WORK ROADS.

Frank Shaw, R. V. Shoemaker and J. W. Hayden, guards at the Kentucky penitentiary, took thirty-five convicts from Eddyville to Pike county Sunday to work on the public roads.

Convicts For Pike County Roads

On last Sunday a special train passed through Louisa bearing 60 convicts from the penitentiary to Pikeville. 45 are negroes and 15 white. They were accompanied by ten guards. Prison Commissioner F. T. Hatcher was in Louisa and got aboard the special train here.

These men will be employed on building roads. They have been assigned to the road leading from Pikeville to Williamson. It is hoped by the authorities to get 60 more men later on for the same road, beginning at the Tug end of the route.

Pike county will make a fine showing on roads if she uses her means judiciously.

Will McDyer, of the State Roads Department, has been assigned to duty in Pike county, as the work being done there is largely under the State Aid laws.

ATTENDED MEETING OF K. E. A.

Miss Marie Roberts returned Sunday evening from Louisville where she had been attending the annual convention of the Kentucky Educational Association. She was the only Lawrence county teacher in attendance, except Miss Beattie Hewlett, who went from Richmond where she is attending school. Miss Roberts stopped at Olympia and was the guest of R. F. Roberts and family a day or two as she returned.

REPORT OF MEETINGS HELD BY ASSOCIATION

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT BEING CARRIED INTO EVERY DISTRICT IN LAWRENCE.

A Good Roads meeting was held in Fallsburg on Thursday, the 26th of April, at the store of L. Collinsworth. To tell the plain, unvarnished truth, the meeting was featured by the absence of interest upon the part of the folks of this community. It may have been that they are more industrious than the folks in the other sections of the county, and could not get away from their work, or it may be that they have no interest in the good roads movement. It is the private opinion of many that the last named reason is explanatory of the lack of interest shown.

The Fallsburg precinct was organized for this work, and S. H. Kiser and L. Collinsworth were elected Chairman and Solicitor, respectively, of this precinct. Chairman Wm. Riley and Dr. W. A. Rice were present, and with S. H. Kiser, L. Collinsworth, Augustus Snyder, Fred M. Vinson, J. B. Clayton and C. F. See, Jr., made up the crowd. Generally there is some redeeming feature in a good work, and upon the occasion of this meeting it appeared in the person and spirit of Elias H. Kiser, who was elected chairman for the work in this precinct. He is a man of sterling qualities, and one possessed of the spirit which will make good roads—if he has to do it himself.

The organization meeting which was held the same day at Webbville was vastly different in degree of enthusiasm to the one above mentioned. The people of this section are going to unite with the Good Roads movement and better their conditions. The meeting had at this place was the most helpful one to the men organizing the county since the Georges creek meeting. It was such a one that gave them encouragement to fight the battle harder.

There was a large number of the citizens of this section in attendance when the meeting was called to order, and they unanimously elected Sam Shepherd as the Chairman of Dry Fork precinct, with Dr. D. J. Thompson, Solicitor. These two men will do consistent and conscientious work in this movement. In addition to the organizing crowd from Louisa, and the officers above named, Mr. Shepherd and Dr. Thompson, there were present and actively engaged in the meeting: Will Green, Dr. L. G. Nickels, W. W. Keller, Levi Webb, Sr., K. Holbrook, Oscar Hicks, Dewel Hensley, Fred Duncan, George Webb, and others. All told, the meeting was a success.

After numerous questions had been considered, and the nature of the work had been over and explained, Dr. D. J. Thompson and Sam Shepherd took the County Judge and County Attorney below Webbville about one and half miles to look over a proposed change in the road at that point. This change is one badly needed, as the road as now located is impassable in the winter time, due to the creek. The change as proposed would make an ideal connection with the Carter county pike which meets the county road at this point, and it is one which would be of benefit to the Dry Fork community. One gentleman over whom this road would pass for some considerable distance will donate the right of way, but there is an obstacle as yet with respect to the other right of way necessary to be had. It is to be hoped that all these questions can be smoothed out, and this road connecting Lawrence county and Carter county will be made.

A second trip was had while at Webbville, in which Dr. Thompson took a party, including the Judge and County Attorney over another section of the road which was in need of some work—which led to the new bridge erected by the county. The bridge was a cheering sight after it was reached, but the party had a hard time in getting over the road to it. It is a new bridge, and a good one, but the roads leading to it are not in keeping with the bridge. However, a change was made in the section under the overseer in that community, and there will be a number of road hands placed upon this road in order to make it passable, which with the added zeal of the people in this section for good roads will soon put it in good condition.

In this section as well as in all other sections of the county there was complaint that people did not work the road, and would not. It might be said again that there will be prosecution of all people who do not put in their time upon the road. It is not a fair proposition for a few citizens to build, and keep in repair the roads of any section of the county, and the county officials say that the people must work their full time upon the road, and if they do not, must take the punishment prescribed by the law.—Reporter.

Go to Sunday School May 6

Nert Sunday is to be the biggest Sunday School Day of the year in Kentucky. May 6th has been set apart as the annual Go-to-Sunday-School Day. Everybody is urged and entreated to go to some Sunday school on that day. The State officials want to break all records on this day. There are no denominational lines in this work. Go wherever you choose, just so you go to Sunday school somewhere. The only way to break records is for each Sunday school in the State to break its own record. Kentucky is getting credit for starting this plan and many other States are taking it up.